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TAGS: SHUM, RP

SUBJ: ICRC VISIT TO THE PHILIPPINES

REF: MANILA 10891

1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE FROM  
ICRC HQ HERE ON ABOVE SUBJECT.

QUOTE. GENEVA, SWITZERLAND (AP) -- THE INTERNATIONAL  
COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC) DECLINED ALL COMMENT  
MONDAY ON A REPORT FROM MANILA SAYING ITS INVESTIGATORS  
FOUND EVIDENCE BACKING UP ALLEGATIONS OF TORTURE IN  
PHILIPPINE DETENTION CENTERS.

AN ICRC SPOKESMAN SAID THE INVESTIGATORS WERE  
PRESENTLY PREPARING THEIR REPORT ON THE 18 CENTERS  
THEY VISITED AND WHERE THEY WERE ABLE TO TALK FREELY  
WITH INMATES, WITHOUT ANY WITNESSES BEING PRESENT. THE  
REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE PHILIPPINE GOVT.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPRESSED DOUBT IN THE MANILA REPORT  
ATTRIBUTED TO RED CROSS SOURCES AND REFERRED TO STRICT  
ICRC RULES FORBIDDING COMMITTEE INVESTIGATORS TO TALK TO  
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OUTSIDERS ABOUT THEIR FINDINGS, AND MOST CERTAINLY, NOT

ABOUT AN ISSUE LIKE EVIDENCE OF TORTURE. UNQUOTE.

2. IN VIEW FOREGOING, AND HIGH SENSITIVITY THIS PARTICULAR INVESTIGATION, IT SEEMS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT WE WILL BE ABLE OBTAIN READ-OUT OF FINDINGS, AND CERTAINLY NOT REPORT ITSELF. CATTO

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